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Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

The Commonwealth.

THURSDAY, AUG. 21, 1899.

Housekeepers!

Did you ever stop and think for a moment about your Grocery bills, whether the price you were paying was too much or not, and what class of goods you were getting? Well, if you have not it is worth thinking about. You may be buying a certain brand of anything and it gives fairly good satisfaction, but probably you could get something much better at the very same price. It will pay you to be posted on the Grocery question. All goods delivered free.

W. H. ALLSBROOK.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

BRAN NEW WHEELER & WILSON
Sewing Machine to sell. A bargain. Apply at THE COMMONWEALTH office.

LOAD OF LIME

Just received, for making Flues.
M. HOFFMAN & BRO.

Cheap Lumber.

Nine Kiln-Dried Ceiling and Flooring at 90 cents per hundred.
S. B. KITCHIN,
Scotland Neck, N. C.

New Refrigerator Service.

With a new first class Refrigerator I am prepared to furnish my customers with best beef in perfectly cool condition at all times. Beef for Sunday and a Refrigerator through Saturday night and delivered Sunday morning.
SYDNEY J. STERN.

Purinton's Emporium the Place for Bargains in Shiny New Goods.

Photographs.
First class photographs and albumen work.
S. C. RAY.

Story of the STORM

HAS been told many times over in all the papers, but no one can tell it like those who were in it.

OUR GOODS are now getting over whatever route saves most for the customers. There that come by water could tell wonderful tales which would be interesting, but the MOST WONDERFUL TALE about them is the VERY

LOW PRICES

AT WHICH THEY WILL BE SOLD.

A Great Hustle is going on at **HOFFMAN'S**—

Almost equal to the smashings on the vessels in the storm at sea. It is the making of room for the NEW GOODS.

Mr. Hoffman

bought while he was in New York.

And now while the SUMMER GOODS are being carefully arranged to make room for the FALL GOODS it is a Rare Chance to get bargains.

You may think it strange, but notwithstanding our goods are beautiful and attractive to the shelves, we would much rather sell them than put them up when they are down.

To make it all short now is the most opportune time for spending a LITTLE MONEY and carrying away a Big Lot of Goods.

that has ever been at **HOFFMAN'S**.

"See Yosemite and Die." said a certain writer.

We say what is more sensible—

HOFFMAN'S

great Stock of fine and Valuable goods, AND BUY.

LOCAL NEWS.

SALES AT 10 O'CLOCK.—The tobacco sales open at the warehouses every day at 10 o'clock. Persons who wish to attend the sales will remember to be there at that hour, as the warehousemen are prompt in opening.

MORE BARN LOST.—Mr. F. M. House had a tobacco barn burned last Thursday, and Mr. W. A. Dunn lost one by fire Friday. Mr. G. S. White lost a barn Saturday, also Mr. W. T. Whitehead lost one the same day. Mr. H. C. Bass lost a barn Sunday, and Mr. Partridge has also lost one.

TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION REORGANIZED.—The Scotland Neck Temperance Association, which has been in existence here a dozen years, was disbanded a week ago on account of some irregularities that had crept in. Tuesday night a number of persons met in the hall and reorganized with a new membership of 33.

S. H. HAWES & Co.—Special attention is called to the advertisement in this issue of these reliable coal dealers of Richmond. They are no strangers to the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH, as their card has appeared in these columns frequently. We commend them to our readers, and hope they may receive a liberal patronage.

THE COMMONWEALTH REMEMBERED.—There has been an abundant crop of melons and canteloupes this year. Dr. M. T. Savage and Mr. J. H. Lewis have remembered the editor. Dr. Savage had a nice melon laid out for us and Mr. Lewis sent to our house some nice canteloupes. We thank them for their kind considerations.

TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE.—A few days ago the Scotland Neck Tobacco Board of Trade was organized with the following officers: President, J. Frank Brinkley; vice-president, J. S. Jenkins; secretary and treasurer, W. T. Clement; chairman sale committee, J. J. Trotter; C. E. James and W. J. Engg; executive committee, W. H. White, O. D. Hooker and J. S. Jenkins.

PROF. W. C. ALLEN AT WAYNESVILLE.—Prof. W. C. Allen, a native of Halifax county and formerly principal of the male academy here, has been elected Superintendent of Public Schools for Waynesville. He receives a good salary and is ideally located in that progressive mountain town. His many friends here will be glad to note his progress and success. He has been instructor in mathematics in Wake Forest Summer School for two sessions.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.—Mr. T. H. Pritchard returned from Norfolk Tuesday. He had been down to see the result of the explosion of Hitch's mill. Mr. Pritchard says the loss will be from six to ten thousand dollars. He thinks it a wonder that more people were not killed. A boiler 16 feet long and 6 feet in diameter, weighing between three and four tons, was thrown 1,600 yards, Mr. Pritchard says, and a man standing within five feet of it was practically unhurt.

BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY.—Elsewhere may be seen an advertisement of the Baptist Female University at Raleigh. This new university which will open its first session September 27th, will take rank at first as a first-class and fully equipped institution for the education of girls and young women. Perhaps no female institution in the South will have a better faculty than this institution will start with. President Blasingame and the trustees have employed the best talent available. It promises to be a great power in North Carolina's educational interest, and merits a good patronage.

MR. CARLISLE WILL COLLECT.—Mr. J. W. Carlisle, a deaf mute printer, who has been in the employ of THE COMMONWEALTH for several years, has been compelled to stop work in the press room by reason of failing health. He has been unable to work since the first of March. He is now able to move around some, but not well enough to return to the case. He is now collecting for THE COMMONWEALTH, and we shall be glad if any and all who owe us and can see him will pay him their arrears. It will be a kindness to him, as he gets his commission for what he collects. He needs the employment. He is reliable and will give receipts.

Is Baby Thin
this summer? Then add a little **SCOTT'S EMULSION** to his milk three times a day. It is astonishing how fast he will improve. If he nurses, let the mother take the Emulsion. 50c. and \$1.00; all druggists.

SUMMER TRAVELERS PASSING.

LOOKING FOR BREEZES AND HEALTH.

Mr. W. T. Currie went to Weldon Friday.

Miss Mattie Cotten went to Tarboro Tuesday.

Miss Alice Bell returned from Tarboro Saturday.

Mr. M. D. Allsbrook returned to Weldon Tuesday.

Miss Lillie Allsbrook went to South Gaston Wednesday.

Mr. John D. Biggs came up from Williamston Friday.

Mrs. H. L. Driscoll returned to Roanoke Rapids Monday.

Miss Belle Boyette returned from Sping Hope Saturday.

Miss Ruth Pope returned Thursday from a visit to Weldon.

Mr. W. T. Lee went to Weldon Wednesday to meet his wife.

Mr. A. W. Outerbridge returned from Greenville Friday.

Miss Eleanor Smith went to Halifax Thursday to visit friends.

Mr. R. L. Hardy went to Kinston last week to visit relatives.

Mr. M. D. Allsbrook and wife came down from Weldon Friday.

Mrs. Lucy Hollomon went to Cohono Monday to visit her brother.

Mrs. A. C. Peterson went to Parmele Saturday to visit her mother.

Mrs. Burgess came down from Sping Hill Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. Lloyd Bell, of Suffolk, Va., was here Saturday to see his parents.

Miss Nannie Hill came from Rocky Mount Monday to visit relatives.

Mr. J. E. Hancock left Thursday for a trip through the lower counties.

Mrs. P. S. Barraud went to Halifax Saturday to visit Mrs. T. W. Fenner.

Dr. Julian Baker, of Tarboro, was here last week on professional business.

Mr. Ernest Morrisette returned a few days ago from some week's stay in Weldon.

Mr. Joe Minshew came from Tillery Tuesday where he has been for some time.

Mr. Jas. H. Mason, of South Gaston, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. F. Dunn.

Mrs. E. B. Higgs, of Greenville, was in town last week shaking hands with his friends.

Miss Mary Pope returned Monday from a visit to friends in Tarboro and community.

Rev. G. W. Phelps filled his regular appointment at St. Mary's, Edgecombe county, Sunday.

Mr. B. G. Medford and wife, of Rocky Mount, spent a day here this week visiting relatives.

Miss Blanche Kilby, of Suffolk, Va., has been here some days on a visit to Miss Hattie Bell.

Master Mason Dunn went to Halifax Saturday to stand examination for entrance to A. & M. college.

Mr. William Evans, of Greenville, has taken a position as painter for the Carolina Buggy Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mason, of Portsmouth, are here on a visit to Mrs. Mason's sister, Mrs. S. F. Dunn.

Mr. T. L. Whitaker, of Enfield, and Mr. W. C. Whitaker, from Whitakers Chapel, were in town Monday.

Elder A. J. Moore came down from Whitakers and filled his regular appointment at Kekukee Sunday.

Mr. Paul Rasberry came up some days ago from Castle Hayne, where he has a position at the State farm.

Miss Mary Huffman returned to her home in Henderson Friday, after a visit to her friends in Scotland Neck.

Mess. T. B. Wheeler and John D. Perry returned Monday from a pleasant stay at Wilmington and vicinity.

Mr. W. T. Currie, who has been away for some three months at Red Springs and Hamlet, returned a few days ago.

Miss Nan Smith returned Thursday from Durham where she has been taking special lesson in instrumental music.

Mrs. Phelps returned to her home in Virginia Saturday after visiting her father-in-law, Rev. G. W. Phelps, and family.

Miss Bettie Hunt and brother, Mr. Scott Hunt, of Oxford, are here on a visit to their friend, Miss Maggie Bowers.

Mr. John B. Neal, of Marion, Va., has been in town several days visiting his father. His many friends were glad to see him.

Mrs. Riddick and children came down from Wake Forest Monday to visit her parents at Palmyra, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Allen.

Mrs. Lucy Perry and little daughter returned to Wilmington, their home, Saturday, after a visit to the family of Mayor J. A. Perry.

CASTORIA. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*.

Mrs. Wiswall and her daughter, Miss Sadie, who have been here on a visit to the family of Mayor J. A. Perry some weeks, left Friday for their home in Beaufort county.

Mrs. J. M. Morrisette is home from Augusta, Ga., on his vacation. His many friends are indeed glad to see him and to know of his success as an operator. He looks as if the "Empire State" agrees with him.

The Littleton News Reporter says: "Prof. L. W. Bagley and family have moved to Scotland Neck. Truly we regret the departure of this excellent family from our midst, but wish for them much success in their new home."

Capt. T. W. Tillery, of Edenton, was here Tuesday. He says he saw some of the rough weather in the late storm. His boat went from Edenton to Norfolk Tuesday through a pretty high wind and over a rough sea, but he came out all unhurt.

Prof. L. W. Bagley's family, consisting of himself, Mrs. Bagley, their daughter, Miss Kate and their two sons, John and Walter, all came down last week to make their permanent home in Scotland Neck. The community is greatly delighted to have them residents of the town again.

Wednesday the following persons, of Scotland Neck, went from Tillery to Richmond on the excursion: Misses Pattie Shaw, Ada Bell, Maggie Wyche, Rabie Pittman, Mesdames G. T. Andrews, G. W. Coughenour, Mess. J. S. Bowers and Claude Allsbrook.

Mr. R. G. Allsbrook came over Saturday from Tarboro and spent the night and Sunday with his home folks. He looks like the Tarboroans are treating him well. He says he likes the people of the town, that they are progressive and broad-gauged. His friends here will be glad to hear he is doing well.

Dr. A. C. Livermon returned home Tuesday. He has been out of his office some two months seeking health. First he went to Tennessee, then to Baltimore, then to Nag's Head. He was at the latter place during the storm last week. His friends will be pleased to learn that he has improved, though he says he is not thoroughly well.

Dr. George W. Gay Jr., the son of Mr. G. W. Gay, formerly of this place, and who graduated with distinction from the University College of medicine, Richmond, Va., has recently accepted an adjunct professorship in that institution. Dr. Gay has many friends both in Richmond and Scotland Neck who bespeak for him much success in the practice of his profession.

Hitch's Mill Blown Up.

Mr. Frank Hitch who some years ago moved his large saw-mill plant from Hamilton to Pioneer's Point near Norfolk, lost heavily by the explosion of some boilers last Friday. The explosion was so powerful that one boiler was blown half a mile. One man was killed and some others injured. It was a sort of holiday season when most of the employees were away from the mill, or the fatality would have been greater.

The loss is not known nor the cause of the explosion.

Prompt Payment by the Phoenix.

Scotland Neck, N. C., July 29, 99.

Mess. Orren Williams & Son, Agts. Phoenix Mut'l Life Ins. Co., Tarboro, N. C.

Dear Sirs:—

I have received your company's check dated Hartford Conn., July 22, 1899 in full payment of the policy which the late Dr. William R. Wood held on his life. I note that the proofs were mailed on 19th and Dr. Wood died on 11th.

Permit me to say that in a large experience in collecting policies I have never known any company to be so prompt. Such action should commend your Company to the public; and I will add that if all companies were as considerate of their policy holders, it would not be difficult to write insurance.

Yours truly,

W. A. DUNN, Atty.

A Fair For Weldon.

Maj. T. L. Emry says he will have an old-time Fair at Weldon this year. The people of the county have missed the Fair for a number of years, and the public generally will be glad to learn that Maj. Emry is moving to re-open it. Some years ago Expositions became so common they overshadowed county Fairs; but they have passed and the Fair will return.

Really every big and wealthy county like Halifax can well afford a Fair occasionally. This furnishes a convenient means of exhibiting county products; and also a good chance for old friends and acquaintances to meet. And many are glad to take advantage of the opportunity.

THE COMMONWEALTH hopes to see a first class Fair, one which will show up the county's resources; but we hope that the gamblers will not be admitted.

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Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Ayer*.

Fatal Accident in Greenville.

The Reflector says:

For a week or two repairs have been in progress on the bridge across the river, the principal work at present being the building of a new draw. The draw was about completed and this morning the hands were testing it. They ran it forward and back a time or two to see if it worked well and then closed it. The swinging end hung a few inches too low to rest on the cap sill on the opposite side. Capt. J. T. Smith, who was in charge of the force, took four colored men, Haywood Lang, Irvin Joyner, Charlie Williams and John Worsley, and went out on this swinging section over the arch to tighten the iron rods, or "hog chains" as they called them, so as to raise the end enough to go on the sill. While tightening the chains they parted, leaving all the strain on the timbers, and the heavy weight broke the draw in two. A long section of it came down with a crash and together with the five men was hurled into the river, some twenty-five feet below, where the water was twelve to fifteen feet in depth. Part of the draw tumbled completely over in the fall, but fortunately for the men they struck the water first and sank deep enough to keep the timbers from striking them. Four of the men rose to the surface, and two of them swimming ashore and the other two floating parts of the draw, were rescued without receiving any injury. John Worsley, less fortunate than the others, was drowned.

Capt. Smith says he went head first to the bottom of the river and Haywood Lang says he also struck bottom. How any of them escaped is almost miraculous.

THAT THROBBING HEADACHE

Would quickly leave you, if you used Dr. King's New Life Pills. Thousands of sufferers have proved their matchless merit for Sick and Nervous Headache. They make pure blood and strong nerves and build up your health. Easy to take. Try them. Only 25 cents. Money back if not cured. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co. Druggist.

A George Washington Button.

Mr. J. B. Burgess showed in this office recently a genuine George Washington button. It seems to be copper, is about the size of a silver half dollar, and across the middle bears in large capitals "G. W."

Around the rim in a semi-circle are the words: "Long live the President."

Mr. Burgess says he found the button in the field in 1896 just after the great earth quake.

It seems to be about a match for the "George Washington" button mentioned in the Gastonia Gazette some time ago.

CANDY CATHARTIC

Accidental Shooting.

A few days ago Mrs. Levy R. Cherry who lives a few miles in the country was accidentally shot by her little boy. The mother and boy went into the barn to shoot a snake. Mrs. Cherry sprang the pistol with which she proposed to shoot the snake, but could not fire it. She handed it to the boy and told him the pistol was worthless, or would not shoot. Upon taking it the boy pulled on the trigger and it fired. The ball struck his mother just above the knee and made a flesh wound that was not serious. Dr. J. R. Pope was called and extracted the ball without any trouble.

ROUNDUP BALE PRESS.

WHAT THE LARGEST ROUNDUP COTTON PLANT IN THE SOUTH HAS DONE FOR THE FARMER.

The Huntsville Roundup Bale Compress plant was organized by T. W. Pratt, says the Huntsville, Ala., Mercury: "It is owned by Messrs. Pratt & Coons, and is the largest in the South. This plant started in operation in the fall of 1897, ginning and baling the first year 3,500 bales. Of the crop of 1898 it ginned about 7000 bales. The proprietors expect to gin and bale 14,000 bales of the present crop. The results of this system are untold in their advantages to the farmer and the shipper. This plant has reduced the cost of baling from \$2.50 to \$1.00 a bale.

"The farmer drives his load of cotton to the gin, and can sit on his wagon and rest ten minutes, during which time his wagon is unloaded by machinery, his cotton ginned, baled, sampled and marked and delivered into his wagon, together with the seed if he prefers, or if he prefers, he can take a storage ticket for cotton and seed and be bothered no more with his product. But these are not all the advantages. He can drive to this gin and sell his cotton, in any quantity from 100 pounds to 100 tons, at the market price, without having it ginned at all. For the small farmer this system is the best of all. He handles his cotton crop in this manner exactly as he does his corn crop, selling in large or small quantities as he wishes money or has time to deliver."

Local Effects of the Storm.

Some one said a day or two ago:

"When crops are good, they are not as good as people say they are; and when they are poor, they are not as poor as people say they are." This was said while the local results of the storm were being discussed. As a matter of fact there is no way of getting at the results of the storm in this region; but the loss to the farmers was great. Large quantities of tobacco which was ripe and ripening in the field could not be gathered because of the continued wind and rain for several days; and what was in the barns could not be well cured because it was impossible to keep up the proper heat. Then corn was badly blown down and great less is sustained in the bad condition of fodder, and in many places the corn will lie on the ground and the ears will rot. Cotton was also damaged. All told, the loss to the crops has been quite serious.

SUMMER CATARRH

Catarrh of the bowels, because it is most prevalent in the summer months, is called summer catarrh.

It surprises many that bowel trouble is catarrh. Dr. Hartman's books make this plain. Write to the Pe-ru-na Medicine Co., Columbus, O., for them. They tell all about catarrh and how Pe-ru-na cures it wherever located.

"I had chronic diarrhea for fifteen years," writes Mr. T. E. Miller, Grand Prairie, Tex. "I tried many medicines and doctors in vain. At last Pe-ru-na was recommended and it cured me at once."

Mr. John Harting, 633 Main St., Cincinnati, O., writes: "My wife and myself took your Pe-ru-na for chronic diarrhea and it cured us. No doctor or medicine we tried before helped us."

Mr. Edward Wormack, Lechster, Tex., writes: "Pe-ru-na for bowel troubles is unequalled by anything in my experience. I owe my life to Pe-ru-na, and shall always recommend it to those suffering as I was."

Mr. John Edgerton, 1020 Third Ave., Altoona, Pa., says: "I suffered from dysentery for three years. I took Pe-ru-na and am now well."

TUMOR IN THE BREAST CURED.

Six or seven years ago I had a lump, so known, to come in my breast, which made it swell so much that it became so hard I could not make a dent in the breast. It was very painful and caused me to suffer so that some nights I could hardly turn in bed or rest. Nothing did me any good, and I was very uneasy, not knowing how it would terminate. I used one-half dozen bottles of Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, without stopping on it, and it made a perfect cure of me. The lump disappeared gradually and I have never had any trouble from it since.

LUCIE E. GASKINS.

Windsor, N. C., 1897.

Competitive Examination.

There will be a competitive examination at Halifax Saturday, Aug. 19th, 1899, for scholarships to the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Raleigh.

Supt. Public Education Halifax Co. August 8, 1899.

Persons who purchase anything advertised in this paper will do a favor to both the advertiser and the editor by mentioning the fact that they saw the advertisement in THE COMMONWEALTH.

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WHITAKERS ACADEMY, (FOR BOTH SEXES.)

Whitakers, North Carolina.

The 39th Session will open, the Lord willing, on the First Monday, Sept. 4th, and close the last of May.

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Tuition from \$10 to \$20 per half-term, to be paid in advance. Tuition for Shortland, Typewriting and Telegraphy extra. No deduction made except in cases of protracted sickness. For further particulars inquire of

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Yes, it is the index to health. If you have had blood you are likely to learn that you have Rheumatism, one of the most horrible diseases to which mankind is heir. If this disease has just begun its work, you should at once take the wonderful new cure.

RHEUMACIDE.

Thousands have been cured. The summer season is the best time to take a rheumatic remedy. Nature will then aid the medicine in effecting a permanent cure. People with bad blood are subject to catarrh, indigestion, and many other diseases. To be healthy the blood must be pure.

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is the Prince of all blood purifiers. Sold in Scotland Neck by E. T. Whitehead & Co., and by druggists generally.

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